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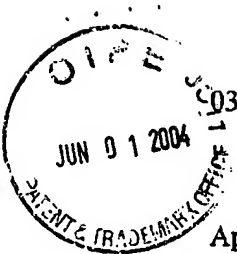
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Further to an office action dated February 28, 2004, the following is applicants' response:

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-8, 29-49 and 51-63. Claims 29-47 have been elected in response to a restriction requirement.

Claims 29-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan, et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Morgan teaches a system in which a CT image is acquired first as a primary diagnostic image. Based on this image a decision is made as to whether an image in a different modality is necessary. This second image which can be a nuclear medicine image can be restricted in area to the area that is of interest, based on the CT image. This allows for avoiding the second imaging modality unless indicated by the CT image and also, in some cases, for providing a higher resolution image in the second modality. Since the CT is faster than nuclear imaging, the CT will be used to image all the patients and the nuclear medicine on some of the patients.

That this is the teaching of Morgan and that this is the order of taking the images is clearly set forth at col. 7, lines 22-63 and col. 10, lines 27-34.

Applicants submit that there is no *prima facie* case of unpatentability since there is no motivation to reverse the order of the imaging. In fact, there is a built in motivation, as described at col. 10, lines 27-34 to perform the CT first. Applicants submit that the Examiner has presented no motivation and that there is, in fact, no motivation for reversing the order of the examinations.